

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

**MONDAY, December 1, 1817.**

THIS being the day appointed by the constitution and form of government for the meeting of the General Assembly of this state, the following members appeared, viz.

- For Saint Mary's County.*—Mordecai C. Jones and Thomas Blakistone, Esquires.  
*For Kent County.*—William Knight, John B. Eccleston, George Neale and Thomas B. Hynson, Esquires.  
*For Anne Arundel county.*—Charles Stewart, Thomas H. Dorsey and Rodefick Dorsey, Esquires.  
*For Calvert county.*—Benjamin Gray, Gustavus Weems and Samuel Turner, Esquires.  
*For Charles county.*—Nicholas Stonestreet, Henry Brawner, jun. Robert Garner and Daniel Jenifer, Esquires.  
*For Baltimore county.*—Adam Showers and John B. Snowden, Esquires.  
*For Somerset county.*—Thomas K. Carroll, James Murray and Hampden Haynie, Esquires.  
*For Dorchester county.*—Benjamin W. Lecompte, Edward Griffith, Thomas Pitt and Henry Keene, Esquires.  
*For Prince George's county.*—William D. Digges, and James Somerville, Esquires.  
*For the City of Annapolis.*—Dennis Claude and John Stephen, Esquires.  
*For Queen Anne's county.*—Kensey Harrison, William R. Stuart, Joshua Massey and James Roberts, Esquires.  
*For Worcester county.*—Ephraim K. Wilson, Robert J. H. Handy, John P. M. Henry and William Single jun. Esquires.  
*For Frederick county.*—Thomas Hawkins, William Downey and George Buckey, Esquires.  
*For Harford county.*—Samuel Bradford, Charles S. Sewell, and James G. Davis, Esquires.  
*For Caroline county.*—Nathan Whitby, Esquire.  
*For the City of Baltimore.*—Edward G. Woodyear, Esquire.  
*For Washington county.*—Henry Sweitzer, Jacob Schnebly and Thomas Kennedy, Esquires.  
*For Montgomery county.*—Ephraim Gaicher, and Ezekiah Linthicum, Esquires.  
*For Allegany county.*—John Scott, Esquire.

The members present adjourn until to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

**TUESDAY, December 2, 1817.**

The members who attended yesterday assembled according to adjournment. The following members also attended, viz.

- For Anne Arundel county.*—Rezin Estep, Esquire.  
*For Baltimore county.*—Abraham H. Price, and Thomas Johnson, Esquires.  
*For Talbot county.*—Daniel Martin, Samuel Stevens, Jun. and James Nabb, Esquires.  
*For Cecil county.*—Matthew Pearce, Levi Tyson, and James Beard, Esquires.  
*For Prince George's county.*—George Semmes, Esquire.  
*For Harford county.*—James Steel, Esquire.  
*For Caroline county.*—Frederick Holbrook, Thomas Saulsbury, and William Whitely, Esquires.  
*For Washington county.*—William Yates, Esquire.  
*For Montgomery county.*—Benjamin S. Forrest, Esquire.  
*For Allegany county.*—Joseph Tomlinson, Esquire.

A sufficient number of delegates being convened, they severally qualified in the presence of each other, by taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government, by subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and by taking, repeating and subscribing, the oath to support the constitution of the United States.

The house proceeded to ballot for a speaker. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared, that Nicholas Stonestreet, Esquire, was elected. Mr. Stonestreet accordingly took the chair.

The house appointed Louis Gassaway clerk, and John Stevens Jun. assistant clerk. Ordered that they be qualified as such by taking the several oaths required, by subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and by taking an oath that they will honestly, faithfully and diligently, discharge the duties of their respective appointments, and that they will not reveal or disclose the secrets of the house of delegates.

The house appointed Cornelius Mills sergeant at arms, and Caleb Stuart door keeper. Ordered that they be qualified.

The house proceeded to ballot for five committee clerks. The ballots having been deposited in the ballot box, on motion by Mr. Stevens, the question was put, That the three persons residents of the western shore, and the two persons residents of the eastern shore, having the greatest number of votes, be considered as elected? Resolved in the affirmative.

The tellers appointed to count the ballots then retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Rinaldo Pindell, John H. Beall, and John Yates, of the western shore, and Samuel Fountain and John W. Bordley, of the eastern shore, had the greatest number of votes.